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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in Africa (S/1998/318 and S/1998/855)*

Western Sahara (S/1998/849 and S/1998/863)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

5 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications:

Lesotho
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Colombia
Uruguay
Yemen
Nigeria

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/53/250, A/53/251, A/C.5/53/1, A/C.5/53/L.1 and A/C.5/53/L.2)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/45)
2. Draft report

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place *today*, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

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High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, the second informal panel will be held *today*, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2, on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Kamande Muiruri (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland).

Copies of the *World Economic and Social Survey 1998* and seven papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held *today*, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. There is no list of speakers for the round tables.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 18 September 1998

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 21 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa.

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Julio María Sanguinetti, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay.

7. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

8. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Rt. Honourable Tony Blair, M.P., Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3 p.m. 8th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Mexico

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable William Skate, M.P., Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Prime Minister of Japan.

   Argentina

   Indonesia

   Costa Rica

   Norway

   Côte d'Ivoire

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 21 September 1998. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the drafting of the Ministerial Declaration)* on Monday, 21 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Tenth Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77, to be held on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Conference

A conference on the theme "The African of the 21st Century" , co-sponsored by the Division of Public Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer for the Organization of African Unity to the United Nations (OAU) and African Amicale, will take place on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso and current Chairman of OAU, will be the speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

4th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: *High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications*

The President recalled that two ministerial round tables and two informal panels would be held in conjunction with the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue.

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Helmut Schäfer, Minister of State of Germany, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the First Ministerial Round Table on National Responses to Globalization.

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Janis Priedkalns, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the Second Ministerial Round Table on International Responses to Globalization.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Mr. George Lennkh, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia); H.E. Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission, Minister of State of India; H.E. Mr. Helmut Schäfer, Minister of State of Germany; H.E. Mr. J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. The Honourable Dan Abodakpi, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Rogelio Martínez-Aguilar, Senior Advisor to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; H.E. Ms. Dawlat Hassan, Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Leiv Lunde, State Secretary for International Cooperation and Human Rights of Norway; H.E. Ms. Huguette Labelle, President, Canadian International Development Agency; H.E. Mr. Carlos Dores, Minister of Health of Cuba; and the representative of the Netherlands.

5th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 5th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/180).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman of the First Committee, H.E. Mr. André Mernier (Belgium), made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Akmaral Kh. Arystanbekova (Kazakhstan), H.E. Mr. Raimundo González (Chile) and Mr. Aleg Laptsenak (Belarus) as Vice-Chairmen.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable as contained in document A/C.1/53/CRP.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of Romania and Mongolia and, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Tomáš Hrbáč (Slovakia) and Mr. Chun Hae Jin (Republic of Korea) as Vice-Chairmen.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the posts of the third Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur.

Statements were made by representatives of Slovakia, the Republic of Korea and Zimbabwe.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/53/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/53/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The Chairman drew attention to document A/53/250 concerning the organization and rationalization of the work.

The representatives of Morocco and Egypt made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Further statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the Chairman.

Subject to modifications and taking into account the statements made by the representatives of Morocco, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic, the Committee approved the programme of work contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1.

As regards agenda item 82, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, to be chaired by the delegation of India, to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 82 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

In accordance with the suggestions of the Chairman as contained in his note (A/C.4/53/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90 and to close the list of speakers on these items at 6 p.m. on Monday, 5 October.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items) 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90

The Committee decided, without objection and in accordance with established practice, to consider chapter V of document A/53/23 (Part III) in conjunction with agenda item 88 (economic and other activities).

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 193rd meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Membership and composition of the Committee (operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997)

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation and Honduras, as well as by the observers for Cuba, Malta, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malaysia.

The Chairman made a statement.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

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International Human Rights Instruments

TENTH MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1998

7th meeting

Servicing of the treaty bodies [8]

The meeting continued its consideration of the item.

Gender perspectives in the work of the treaty bodies [10]

The meeting began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Guyana (16 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, adopted by the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, on 27 March 1998

Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (17 September 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted at Kyoto on 11 December 1997

Signature: Fiji (17 September 1998)

Ratification: Fiji (17 September 1998)*

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to *Journal* 1998/178 (see p. 10): the following entry should read as follows:

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Accession: Equatorial Guinea (16 September 1998)*

Ratification: Burkina Faso (16 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Day

On the occasion of the Staff Day, the Secretary-General and the President of the Staff Committee will address the staff at large *today*, 18 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Security announcement

The Pass and Identification Unit, located on the main level of the UNITAR building (801 UN Plaza) (entrance at the corner of 45th Street and First Avenue), will be open for extended service on Saturday and Sunday, 19 and 20 September 1998, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., and on Monday, 21 September, from 7 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. Grounds passes will be issued for the delegations at the UNITAR building and for non-governmental organizations and the media at the UNICEF House, Labouisse Hall (Saturday, from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday: 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m).

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